

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

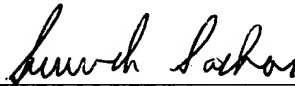
Claims 10-25 and 42-49 are pending in this application. Claims 10-25 and 42-49 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 7-9, 51, and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Those rejected claims are now canceled without prejudice.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowance of claims 10-12 and 42-49, and note only those allowed claims are currently pending.

As only the allowed claims are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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